

# THE HAPPY CAMPER



Camp Newsletter - Week 6, 7/31/23 - 8/4/23



## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### START OF COLOR WARS!

Visit from North Salem Volunteer Ambulance for Foxes & Wolves

### Pirate Day!

Dress like a pirate and hunt for treasure around camp!



### Kona Ice Truck visits (optional activity)

View [price & allergen list](#) on our website. **KONA ICE**



### Color Wars Relay Race



### LAST DAY OF CAMP! Color Wars Closing Ceremony

## THANKS FOR A GREAT SUMMER!

It's hard to believe it but it's the last week of camp! This was such a fun summer and we're so grateful for all of our wonderful campers and staff!

Last week we had two touch a truck sessions. Croton Falls Volunteer Fire Department stopped by with two of their trucks to visit with campers. Our very own Tyler Sandor showed campers his turnout gear and his SCBA mask and oxygen tank. Campers had fun looking at the trucks and seeing all the equipment the firefighters use. We also got to see the lights and hear the sirens. Later in the week, Win Waste Management visited our campers and brought their new truck! Campers learned about sanitation and keeping our community clean. Campers loved being able to operate the new truck and the merch they got! We are so thankful that both groups took some time to share with us!

A special thank you to Elizabeth from the [Ruth Keeler Memorial Library](#) for visiting our Tadpoles, Chipmunks, Blue Jays, and Frogs every Wednesday this summer for story time!

Monday will kick off our camp wide Color Wars! Each group will compete to earn points throughout the week for their team which will culminate in a camp wide relay race (Thursday, weather permitting) and closing ceremony. Want to know more? Read our section on the following page!

YO-HO! It's a pirates life for NSDC! Tuesday is our annual Pirate Day at NSDC! We encourage all campers to dress in their best pirate garb! Come prepared to search for sunken treasure and show us your best pirate impression!

The Kona Ice (DIY Snowcones) truck will make it's final appearance of the summer on Wednesday. This is an optional activity. If your camper would like to purchase a snow-cone (\$4) all money should be sent to camp in a labelled bag or envelope. Campers will be able to pick their own flavor when they get to the truck. View the [Kona Ice flyer & allergen information](#) on our website.

As camp draws to a close on Friday we will hold our Color Wars Closing Ceremony, where our new color wars camp champions will be crowned!

**CIT Supply Drive:** This Monday - Wednesday, our CITs will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Community Center of Northern Westchester. Donation drop-off will be at PQ in the AM & PM. View their [flyer here](#). There is still time to donate to the [Session 2 CIT Food Drive](#) as well. Thank you for supporting your CITs and community!



## COLOR WARS 2023: Legend of the Hidden Colors

A note from our Programming Leader,  
Elaina Nacinovich

It's what everyone has been waiting for... Color Wars 2023! This year our color wars is themed after the Nickelodeon show, Legends of the Hidden Temple.

Each group is assigned a color and team. As a team they will earn points throughout the week. They can earn points based on participation, respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, and courteousness.

There are also some bonus points and daily artifacts from Mt. Lakes Camp history that can be earned as well. It will all lead up to Thursday where we will have a camp wide relay, where each team has the opportunity to earn up to 40 points!

We had our awesome CIT Directors, Will and Tim help announce the teams - but if your camper missed it, below you can find a helpful guide to the teams!

We encourage all of the campers to show some team spirit - especially for the relay on Thursday! We don't want anyone to buy anything new but we would love for campers to accessorize or come dressed in their team's color during Color Wars - using what they already have at home.

The final winners will be announced on Friday during our very own "closing ceremonies". Good luck to all our campers! We hope you are as excited as we are!

## THE DIRECTORS CABIN



A note from our Director,  
Lauren Rosasco

As our summer camp season quickly comes to an end, we look back on all the fun moments we have had at camp, including Duck Day and our first NSDC's Got Talent staff show - we have some talented (and funny!) staff!

Our campers learned many new things this summer. At Outdoor Skills, campers learned to build shelters, trail safety, and what to do in an emergency. At Music, we tried new instruments. In Art and Trash to Treasure we made lots of slime, friendship bracelets and duck hats. During Nature, we learned about the animals and plants at our camp and caught many frogs to observe! We had many first time boaters at the lake who quickly learned how to paddle a kayak, canoe, or pedal boat. We took a moment to relax and learn new poses at Yoga. We played games and sports on the field and perfected our 4-Square skills. And of course, many campers worked hard to improve their swimming skills to "test up" to a new swim band and section of the pool. We are proud of all of our campers that worked hard, had fun, and gave it their all on those hot or rainy days!

I must thank our wonderful staff - the counselors, specialists, and all of our support staff worked hard through the summer to keep up the camp spirit, creating performances for our staff talent show, creating their own theme days, and always walking around with a smile despite the weather. Without our staff, camp wouldn't run!

Thank you for joining us this summer. I hope to see everyone at NSDC in 2024. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and have a wonderful school year!

*Lauren*

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